

He Couldn't Dance, But He Could Fight!

HERE was something about Bill you couldn't help liking. It wasn't his looks. It wasn't his hair, or the way he smiled or carried himself. Any girl would have told you Bill was the world's worst dancer, and any girl would have qualified that statement by adding, "He's nice, though. . . . Oh, there's something about him you know. He's rather a dear."

Which was a personal note not exactly shared by a number of weather-beaten men to whom this same Bill was always something of a fire-eater straight out of the dragon's mouth.

You could imagine what Bill would have said if any of his lads had the slightest inkling that he'd been rated rather a dear. He'd ever heard it, it was a remark which, if he'd into a quiet corner to kick the stuffing out of himself with those awkward feet of his.

Awkward? Well, maybe that's not entirely correct. You see, when you're a swashbuckling measure with some sophisticated sass, Bill was "way down in a class by himself."

But—put that bloke aboard any type of ship—preferably a small, fast one, and you'll see him with bow waves that went soaring towards a lowering sky, and with the "I'm the best" look of long distance—and I'd wager from my long knowledge of him, . . . and of all the men I've seen in the living room of Hitler's worst current heads.

Now, about a week or so ago, Bill did something surprising. He got married. It was his best man. And because he was the best man, there lies one of the choicest little stories that ever came out of this war.

In a way it's so deucedly typical of all the blokes like Bill that it seems almost like a cliché. So I'm setting it down and changing the price the bridegroom paid for his best man. . . . When he comes out of long before Hitler appeared on the scene, he's going to be a man called a "sailor."

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Romance And The Sailor

because Speed was his middle name.

Yet he didn't want speed you'd get in a swell liner, and at the same time he wanted to travel as far as we normally achieved. No, to Bill, Speed meant Action, with a capital "A."

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We Meet Again

The months sped by with amazing rapidity. Every so often I'd be sent to Berlin, and when he'd be sent to Berlin, he'd be sent to him, without telling me what he was doing or where he was doing it. He'd be off to work, or to meet his wife, or to meet and whatever else he had to do.

But unless he was mistaken the Huns had sent one on us before many more tides had flowed

along the London

frontiers, and that

fact being taken

for granted. Bill

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"Peace Envoy" Up Nazis' Sleeves

HITLER'S FOE IN LUXURY

'F.D.R.' Plans
'Underdogs'
Charter'

Washington, Saturday.
Mr. ALFRED M. LANDON, who was Republican candidate for the Presidency in 1936, said today that General Roosevelt had cut him out of his plan to raise the living standards of the underprivileged races of the world, as one of the first post-war aims.

Mr. Landon said: Among the things that I have in my conscience not only to the peoples of the underprivileged races of the world, but also what it would mean to the world if their standard of living were raised, and their purchasing power increased.

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HITLER WAS NAZIS' TARGET

A huge portrait of Hitler fixed in front of their headquarters, the Donitz German Korp, proved an irresistible lure to the opposing Germans.

After the picture the Soviet Korp had written: "Come and get it." Three days later, determined who tried to capture it were beaten out, a 15-minute artillery barrage finally disposed of it. says Colossal broadcast, quoted Reuters.

THYSSEN MYSTERY

FROM A B.U.P. CORRESPONDENT

On the Ganges Frontier, Saturday.
FRITZ THYSSEN, the man who financed Hitler and then denounced him as "the enemy of Germany" is now Hitler's prisoner in Berlin, being kept alive because he may be useful as a peace envoy.

OUR NEWS WELCOMED BY MOSCOW

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U-BOATS AGAIN BUSY OFF U.S. COAST

The Axis is renewing submarine warfare off the east coast of the United States.

U-boats are operating here after a lull of several months, says the Washington Navy Department, quoted by Exchange.

There is a sinking of a merchantman, the future of France and the fact that all the United Nations are to be held responsible for any binding decisions are taken after the war says Reuters.

DEFIED HITLER

He is the only man in Germany who defied Hitler and got away with it.

Fritz Thyssen was born with a steel spoon in his mouth. When he was 18 he became the owner of the Thyssen holdings, worth £50,000,000.

He was a stout, balding, stout of growing Socialism and Communism in Germany. So to his castle in the Rhine he went to avoid Hitler and Goering.

Thysen and other Right-wing leaders often met in his castle. Now that it is leaders would promise that their holdings would not be touched, their power unchallenged, their profits increased.

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To say nothing of the pictures of Thyssen from a fashionista's shop in the Tiergarten strasse.

It was Hitler himself who ordered that these clothes should be sent to her—B.O.P.

Axis On Cyprus 'Threat'

BERLIN RADIO, quoting Istanbul reports, said last night.

There is growing military activity by British and the Eastern Mediterranean.

This conclusion is drawn by British military quarters of various insidious trips and meetings by General Wilson during the past weeks.

Wilson, Commander of the British Middle East Army, met the British Ambassador in Turkey, Sir Knatchbull-Hugessen, in Istanbul three weeks ago.

Wilson also inspected Cyprus where a military conference took place in the presence of Gen. Sir Alan Brooke and Gen. Holmes, Commander of the Ninth British Army.

It is believed that an offensive against Cyprus is being prepared from Parachutists are being brought in.

It is not clearly known in Turkey, and has been a complete surprise. The mental depression has gone, because the feeling of fatigue and lack of vitality.

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A Vicar's Tribute

7th January, 1948

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FRENCH GIRLS
GIVE FLOWERS
TO MONTY



French girls wearing the colours of Fighting France, with bouquets of flowers for presentation to General Montgomery after the entry of the Eighth Army into Gabes.

Ruhr Devastation Mounts

RAF BRINGS CRISIS NEAR FOR NAZIS

THE Battle of the Ruhr, in which the RAF is pressing home its big-bomber attacks in face of massive defences, is reaching a critical stage for the Germans.

Last night, Dusseldorf, Europe's greatest inland port, was still burning nearly 24 hours after the RAF's Friday night raid.

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Wounded, He Brought His Plane Home

WHEN a Lancaster was on its way home after bombing Duisburg on Friday night, an enemy fighter wounded the pilot, but he managed to bring his plane home.

The pilot, a man of 22, was flying over the south and west of the port of the damage done that night is actually in Krupp's, with some buildings destroyed to the south and west of the port.

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ESSEN ALARM

It was known after this March 12 attack that 15,000 workmen and 2000 horses had been killed. Essen had been left with homes or occupation.

More than 1000 tons of bombs were dropped in the three raids on March 5 and 12 April.

There was an alarm but in the last of the three recent powerful attacks on the arms works—last Saturday night—15 bombers were shot down, and the earlier bombing was heavily damaged.

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RAF TANKER TORPEDOED IN FIORD HIDEOUT

A large enemy tanker anchored in a Norwegian fiord was hit with 15,000 incendiary bombs by a Hampden of Composite Squadron.

The small vessel is also believed to have been damaged, and a small vessel lying in the lee of the rock, right up against the cliff.

As I broke away I saw the tanker burst into flames and the fire and crashing into the sea, another Hampden, "For Tonypandy," dropped his torpedoes and he had to hit the small vessel.

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We were out looking for enemy shipping," said the captain of the Hampden.

We spotted two Dornier 19s, which were protecting the invasion force.

Then I saw the convoy, the large tanker, a small vessel and a small vessel lying in the lee of the rock, right up against the cliff.

Other objectives were also hit.

One of our aircraft was lost during the night.

FOOD DRIVE IN FRANCE

The probable call-up of all men aged 18 to 25 for six months for agricultural work, and the forthcoming registration of all men aged 18 to 25 for the general plan to increase food production in France, says Paris Radio.

INDIA'S AIR MIGHT

An increase of 700 per cent in manning of aircraft and crews is being prepared.

India's Air Force compared with March in 1947 will be 100 times as large.

India's Air Force will have its first air force in the world at the most strategic position in the seven seas," said Mr. Sturrock.

CAPETOWN BUILDS GIANT GRAVING DOCK

Capetown, Saturday.

Mr. F. C. Sturrock, Minister for Roads and Harbours, has

had the first pilings driven for the new giant graving dock which is to be built in the Southern Hemisphere.

The dock "will comfortably take the largest ship at present afloat," he said.

About 1200 ft. long by 150 ft. wide, it will be 100 ft. deep at the bottom and 100 ft. at the top.

It will be built in the most difficult and dangerous part of the Southern Hemisphere.

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